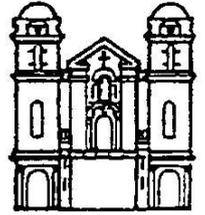


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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**3 JANUARY 2021
EPIPHANY**

Prayer for the Week

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

George Daley : Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Unwell

Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green : Margaret Norman :
Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema

Rest in Peace

John Willett (William Woolley's Cousin)

Welcome to St James the Greater

With Leicester now in Tier 4, it does mean that all the additional regulations introduced when 'Lockdown 2' ended at the start of December still apply. One of these is that we're unable to interact with anyone outside our household or support bubble. Regrettably and disappointingly, this means that we have to ask you to leave as soon as the service has finished and not to catch-up with one another outside the church.

There is no Offertory at present. To allow you to make your offering, collection bowls can be found on the tables at the back of church.

If you are able, please wear a face covering throughout the service – visors are not a legal face covering. If you have forgotten yours, please speak to a churchwarden.

Please remember to check-in to church when you enter using either our QR code or by completing the Track and Trace contact details slip that you will find with your leaflet and place it in the boxes as you leave church.

If you would like to have the leaflet emailed to you each Friday so you can print it or view it online, please contact the Church Office to be added to our mailing list.

Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the service.

The Vicar Writes ...

Wishes for a happy New Year will be more fervent yet perhaps more conditional this year. I've certainly had numerous messages expressing desire for a "slightly better year" or a "hopefully better year."

As the new life of Easter and the new Church year of Advent Sunday passed in full lockdown, with churches closed, in 2020, we may well feel that this new calendar year is similarly overshadowed.

Nonetheless, my prayer is that 2021 is better than last year, that we can live with hope, and that soon our full fellowship is restored. May God grant you faith and strength, and be with you through all the coming months.



10:30

Said Eucharist

You'll find the service books for this week's Eucharist laid out on the seats in church. Please place the books in the boxes that you'll find as you leave church at the end the service.

The Readings for Epiphany

Isaiah 60. 1- 6

Read by Mike Rule

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2. 1 – 12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw

the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services for January

Sunday 10th:	Said Eucharist	10:30am
	Epiphany Carols	4:00pm
Sunday 17th:	Sung Eucharist	10:30am
Sunday 24th:	Sung Eucharist	10:30am
Sunday 31st:	Said Eucharist	10:30am
	Candlemas	4:00pm

It is our hope that we are able to meet for all these services during the month. However, given the ongoing situation with the Covid pandemic it may mean that services are cancelled at short notice. If this happens, we will let you know as soon as possible.

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